

Lecture #4 - OPERAS from the OLD TESTAMENT

Monday 17th November at 4 pm



The land between the two rivers of the Tigris and the Euphrates (or, in Greek, **MESOPOTAMIA**) was the site of some of civilization's first urban settlements and the earliest known development of agriculture. When extended to modern Turkey and the Levant, this land became known as the **FERTILE CRESCENT**.

Operatic depictions of this geographic region include Rossini's **SEMIRAMIDE** and Verdi's **NABUCCO**.

Biblical operas are relatively rare, but include Rossini's **MOSES**, both Saint-Saens' and Handel's **SAMSON**, and Strauss's **SALOME**.